

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. PGA-02-57
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ORDER APPROVING ANNUAL RECONCILIATION FILING

(Issued November 25, 2002)

On October 1, 2002, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), filed its annual reconciliation of gas costs for the 12-month period ending August 31, 2002, in accordance with 199 IAC 19.10(7). On October 4, 2002, Aquila supplemented the reconciliation filing with weather hedging information required in Docket No. NOI-94-1. On October 18, 2002, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a conditional objection to the filing. On October 22, 2002, the Board issued an order docketing the reconciliation filing for further review. On November 8, 2002, Consumer Advocate filed a withdrawal of the conditional objection.

The Board has reviewed the annual reconciliation filing and finds that it complies with 199 IAC 19.10(7) and adequately supports the overcollection reflected in the filing. The overcollection amounts to \$2,876,746 for the GS/SVI/LVI class and is above the 3 percent refund level. Aquila is required by 199 IAC 19.19(7)"b"(1) to

refund the overcollection by bill credit or check. The Board will, therefore, require Aquila to file a refund plan for Board approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The annual reconciliation filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, on October 1, 2002, is approved.
2. Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, shall file a refund plan on or before November 26, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of November, 2002.